

SUBJECT: RESULT OF THE 72ND YASUDA KINEN (G1)

The Yasuda Kinen, a race to determine the best miler of the spring season, has welcomed just over 50 foreign-trained horses since its designation as an international race in 1993, including 1995 champion Heart Lake (GB, by Nureyev) from the UAE, 2000 winner Fairy King Prawn (AUS, by Danehill) from Hong Kong and the winner of the 2006 Champions Mile-Yasuda Kinen double, Bullish Luck (USA, by Royal Academy). The race joined the Breeders' Cup Challenge Series in 2016, enabling its winners to earn automatic starting position in the Breeders' Cup Mile (G1, 1,600m), while the first three finishers of this race are eligible to start in the French mile G1s, the Prix Jacques le Marois and the Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. This year, the race was held in celebration of the 150th birth anniversary of the first President of the JRA, Izaemon Yasuda, whom the race is named after.

Past Yasuda Kinen winners that have subsequently become the season's Horse of the Year include Oguri Cap (JPN, by Dancing Cap; '90), Taiki Shuttle (USA, by Devil's Bag; '98), Vodka (JPN, by Tanino Gimlet; '08 & '09), Lord Kanaloa (JPN, by King Kamehameha; '13) and Maurice (JPN, by Screen Hero; '15).

Runners this year included **Soul Rush** who marked his fourth consecutive win in the Milers Cup (G2, 1,600m, Apr.24), one of the preps towards this G1 event, and **Ho O Amazon** who followed in second. **Elusive Panther, Cafe Pharoah** and **Naran Huleg** came off their respective wins in the Tokyo Shimbun Hai (G3, 1,600m, Feb.6), the February Stakes (G1, dirt, 1,600m, Feb.20) and the Takamatsunomiya Kinen (G1, 1,200m, Mar.27). Victoria Mile (G1, 1,600m, May.15) finishers that were among the lineup were **Fine Rouge** (2nd), **Resistencia** (3rd) and **Songline** (5th). 2020 Best Two-Year-Old Colt **Danon the Kid, Vin de Garde** and **Schnell Meister** (8th) who came off third and eighth, respectively, in the Dubai Turf (G1, 1,800m, Mar.26) were also in the field along with **Lotus Land**, runner-up in the Takamatsunomiya Kinen, and **Salios**, victor of 2019 Asahi Hai Futurity Stakes (G1, 1,600m).

THE 72ND YASUDA KINEN (G1)

3-year-olds & up, 1,600 meters (about 8 furlongs), turf, left-handed

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Tokyo Racecourse

11th Race

Post Time: 15:40

Total prize money: ¥ 388,800,000 (about US\$ 3,381,000 <US\$1=¥115>)

3-y-o: 54kg (about 119 lbs), 4-y-o & up: 58kg (about 128 lbs), 2kg allowance for Fillies & Mares,

1kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2018, 2kg allowance for Southern Hemisphere-bred born in 2019

Course Record: 1:30.5

Race Record: 1:30.9 [Indy Champ (JPN, by Stay Gold), 2019]

Safety factor: 18 runners

Going: Good to Firm

Weather: Cloudy



FP	BK	PP	Horse Jockey	S&A Color Wgt	Odds (Fav)	Margin (L3F)	Sire Dam (Dam's Sire)	Owner Breeder Trainer
1	7	13	Songline (JPN) Kenichi Ikezoe	F4 br. 56.0	8.2 (4)	1:32.3 (32.9)	Kizuna Luminous Parade (Symboli Kris S)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Toru Hayashi
2	5	9	Schnell Meister (GER) Christophe Lemaire	C4 b. 58.0	4.9 (2)	Neck (32.9)	Kingman Serienholde (Soldier Hollow)	Sunday Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takahisa Tezuka
3	8	17	Salios (JPN) Damian Lane	H5 ch. 58.0	15.7 (8)	Head (33.0)	Heart's Cry Salomina (Lomitas)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Noriyuki Hori
4	7	15	Serifos (JPN) Yusuke Fujioka	C3 ch. 54.0	8.7 (5)	1/2 (32.8)	Daiwa Major Sea Front (Le Havre)	G1 Racing Co., Ltd. Oiwake Farm Mitsumasa Nakauchida
5	4	7	Fine Rouge (JPN) Yutaka Take	F4 b. 56.0	7.8 (3)	Neck (33.5)	Kizuna Passion Rouge (Boston Harbor)	Genichi Mutsui Northern Racing Tetsuya Kimura
6	2	4	Danon the Kid (JPN) Yuga Kawada	C4 b. 58.0	10.9 (7)	Nose (33.7)	Just a Way Epic Love (Dansili)	Danox Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takayuki Yasuda

7	5	10	Air Lolonois (JPN) Hideaki Miyuki	H5 b. 58.0	135.0 (16)	1/2 (32.6)	King Kamehameha Air One Piece (Rock of Gibraltar)	Lucky Field Co., Ltd. Tsunebumi Yoshihara Kazuhide Sasada
8	4	8	Elusive Panther (JPN) Hironobu Tanabe	C4 d.b. 58.0	4.5 (1)	Nose (32.6)	Heart's Cry Elusive Cat (King Kamehameha)	Tsunefumi Kusama Oiwake Farm Takashi Kubota
9	8	18	Naran Huleg (JPN) Kyosuke Maruta	H6 ch. 58.0	52.1 (12)	3/4 (33.1)	Gold Allure Kelley's Beauty (Brian's Time)	Katsushige Muraki Mrs Setsuko Sakato Yoshitada Munakata
10	2	3	Lotus Land (USA) Mirco Demuro	M5 b. 56.0	36.2 (11)	Neck (33.5)	Point of Entry Little Miss Muffet (Scat Daddy)	Kobayashi Eiichi Holdings LLC. Dr. Aaron Sones & Dr. Naoya Yoshida Yasuyuki Tsujino
11	8	16	Resistencia (JPN) Takeshi Yokoyama	M5 b. 56.0	21.0 (9)	Neck (33.6)	Daiwa Major Malacostumbrada (Lizard Island)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Farm Takeshi Matsushita
12	3	5	Ho O Amazon (JPN) Ryusei Sakai	C4 ch. 58.0	60.1 (15)	1/2 (34.1)	King Kamehameha Hikaru Amaranthus (Agnes Tachyon)	Yoshihisa Ozasa Northern Racing Yoshito Yahagi
13	7	14 B	Soul Rush (JPN) Suguru Hamanaka	C4 d.b. 58.0	10.0 (6)	Neck (33.3)	Rulership Eternal Bouquet (Manhattan Cafe)	Tatsue Ishikawa Shimokobe Farm Yasutoshi Ikee
14	6	12	Diatonic (JPN) Yasunari Iwata	H7 b. 58.0	142.7 (17)	1/2 (34.1)	Lord Kanaloa To Harmony (Sunday Silence)	Silk Racing Co., Ltd. Sakai Bokujo Takayuki Yasuda
15	1	2	Vin de Garde (JPN) Mirai Iwata	H6 b. 58.0	56.3 (13)	1-1/2 (34.0)	Deep Impact Skia (Motivator)	Shadai Race Horse Co., Ltd. Shadai Farm Hideaki Fujiwara
16	3	6	Karate (JPN) Akira Sugawara	H6 d.b. 58.0	57.9 (14)	Neck (33.8)	To the Glory Lady no Punch (French Deputy)	Hikaru Odagiri Yuichi Odagiri Yasuyuki Tsujino
17	1	1	Cafe Pharoah (USA) Yuichi Fukunaga	H5 b. 58.0	21.6 (10)	Head (34.4)	American Pharoah Mary's Follies (More Than Ready)	Koichi Nishikawa Paul P. Pompa Noriyuki Hori
18	6	11 B	Catedral (JPN) Keita Tosaki	H6 b. 58.0	203.4 (18)	4 (34.2)	Heart's Cry Abyla (Rock of Gibraltar)	Carrot Farm Co., Ltd. Northern Racing Manabu Ikezoe

FP: Final Position / BK: Bracket Number / PP: Post Position / B: Blinker / S&A: Sex & Age / Wgt: Weight (kg) / L3F: Time of Last 3 Furlongs (600m)
Color: b.=bay / bl.=black / br.=brown / ch.=chestnut / d.b.=dark bay / d.ch.=dark chestnut / g.=gray / w.=white

NOTE 1: No Foreign Contenders

NOTE 2: Figures quoted under Odds are shown in form of decimal odds (single unit is ¥100), and Fav indicates the order of favorites.

Turnover for the Race alone: ¥ 22,229,119,400

Turnover for the Day: ¥ 33,368,170,900

Attendance: 32,471

Pay-off (for ¥100)

Win	No.13	¥ 820	Bracket Quinella	5-7	¥ 720	Quinella	9-13	¥ 1,740
Place	No.13	¥ 260	Quinella Place	9-13	¥ 830	Exacta	13-9	¥ 3,740
	No.9	¥ 210		13-17	¥ 2,770	Trio	9-13-17	¥ 11,810
	No.17	¥ 520		9-17	¥ 1,470	Trifecta	13-9-17	¥ 64,140

Winner= 11 starts: 5 wins, 2 seconds, 1 third / Added money: ¥ 183,822,000 / Career earnings: ¥ 441,669,300

Songline Secures First Grade One Victory in Yasuda Kinen

Fourth favorite **Songline** bounced back from her latest Victoria Mile (G1, 1,600m) fifth-place finish to land her first G1 victory in this year's Yasuda Kinen. Finishing a nose second to **Schnell Meister** in last year's NHK Mile Cup (G1, 1,600m), the Kizuna filly turned the tables this time holding off the German-bred colt by a neck. Following the 2021 Fuji Stakes (G2, 1,600m) and this year's 1351 Turf Sprint (G3), this marks the filly's third grade-race title. Winning trainer Toru Hayashi, who opened his yard in 2018, celebrates his fifth grade-race victory and first JRA-G1 title while jockey Kenichi Ikezoe has now 27 G1 wins—his latest was with Gran Alegria in the 2020 Yasuda Kinen.

After breaking sharply from stall 13, **Songline** was settled behind **Salios** and in front of **Schnell Meister** in mid-pack as the field cruised down the backstretch in a leisurely pace. Making headway while shifting to the outside before the last corner, the Kizuna filly unleashed a good and tenacious stretch drive, finally catching **Salios** in the last half furlong and held off **Schnell Meister**, who dug in with great force from behind, to clear the wire first.

“I’m just relieved and happy that I was able to live up to the team’s expectations. It was a tight schedule for the filly but the staff at the stables prepared her remarkably. She broke well and I decided to settle her behind Salios who rushed up in front of us. Trying not to make the same mistake as last time, we made an early bid before the last corner and she responded well and stretched all the way for a strong finish,” commented Kenichi Ikezoe.

Second pick and G1 winner **Schnell Meister** broke well but was settled in mid-division under jockey Christophe Lemaire after a bit keen in the backstretch. Boxed in after rounding for home, the son of Kingman struggled to find room climbing the hill and finally shot out between horses to overtake **Salios** at the same time **Songline** did on the other side but was a neck short in second.

Eighth favorite **Salios**, under Damian Lane, took a wide trip around seventh just in front of the eventual winner, responded well to rally for the lead but weakened in the last 100 meters and gave way to **Songline** and then the fast-closing **Schnell Meister** in the last strides for third.

Race favorite **Elusive Panther** trailed near the rear before hitting the straight in a wide move and quickened in the last 200 meters while clocking the fastest late kick but had too much ground to make up and finished eighth.

Other Horses:

- 4th: (15) **Serifos**—sat near eventual winner, showed effort but failed to close in on leaders
5th: (7) **Fine Rouge**—ran forwardly around 5th, ran willingly while no match for top finishers
6th: (4) **Danon the Kid**—stalked leader in 2nd, took lead 300m out, weakened in last 100m
7th: (10) **Air Lolonois**—positioned near rear, angled out, showed fastest late drive but belatedly
9th: (18) **Naran Huleg**—unhurried around 15th, passed tiring rivals at stretch
10th: (3) **Lotus Land**—raced around 9th, struggled to find clear path at early stretch, even paced
11th: (16) **Resistencia**—rallied for lead but eased back to 5-6th, ran gamely until 100m out
12th: (5) **Ho O Amazon**—set pace, showed tenacity on rails until 200m marker, weakened thereafter
13th: (14) **Soul Rush**—traveled around 13th, showed response but met traffic 200m out, lost momentum
14th: (12) **Diatonic**—tracked leaders around 3rd while keen to go, outrun in last 200m
15th: (2) **Vin de Garde**—saved ground around 7th, lacked needed kick
16th: (6) **Karate**—took economic trip around 10th, showed little at stretch
17th: (1) **Cafe Pharoah**—chased leaders around 3rd, faded after 200m pole
18th: (11) **Catedral**—was off a bit slow, trailed in rear, no factor

Fractional time (sec./furlong): 12.2 - 11.0 - 11.5 - 12.0 - 12.0 - 11.2 - 11.0 - 11.4
Last 4 furlongs: 45.6 Last 3 furlongs: 33.6

Positions at each corner: 3rd corner (*5,4)(1,12)(7,16)(2,17)3(6,**13**,15)(14,9)(11,18)(8,10)
4th corner (*5,4)(1,7,12)(2,3,16)17(6,9,**13**)(14,18,15)(11,8,10)

NOTE 1: Underlined bold number indicates the winning horse.

NOTE 2: Horse numbers are indicated in the order of their positions at each corner, with the first position listed first. Two or more horses inside the same parentheses indicate that they were positioned side by side. Hyphens between the horse numbers indicate that there is distance between the former and the latter. The asterisk indicates a slight lead.